(a) whether it is a fact that Canteen Coupons worth Rs. 14 lakhs were found in a cup board of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(c) if so, what are the findings of the Committee; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The management of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has reported that some unutilised coupons were found in one of its office almirahs in July, 1992. The management has constituted a fact finding committee to look into the matter so as to enable the management to take an appropriate action.

Vehicles in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

2941. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cars and Jeeps which are owned by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) the number of other rented vehicles which are engaged by the plant; and

(c) the details of the total amount spent towards rent during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The number of Cars and Jeeps owned by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is:

Cars	— 11
Jeeps	— 72

(b) The number of vehicles engaged by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on rental basis, are as follows:

Taxi Cars	— 52
Taxi Jeeps	— 53
Buses	— 12
Autos	— 2
Ambulances	— 2

(c) The details of amount spent by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant towards rent during the last three years are as given below:

Financial Year	Amount in Rs.
1989-90	1,03,89,321.92
1990-91	90,78,847.41
1991-92	1,17,79,779.12

Shortage of Steel

2942. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Ministry has reported an expected shortage of 1 Million tonnes of steel by the end of the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to meet this shortage;

(c) is there any proposal to expand the capacity of existing integrated Steel Plants to cope with the anticipated shortage; and

(d) what are the plans for expanding the capacity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Against the projected demand of 25 million tonnes of finished steel by the end of the Eighth Plan (1996-97), the domestic production is expected to be 24.09 million tonnes, leaving a gap of 0.91 million tonnes.

(b) In order to minimise the gap between projected demand and domestic production, Government have taken a